

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Gnetum extract characterized in that the extract contains extracted material that is extracted from Gnetum gnemon seeds or Gnetum material containing Gnetum gnemon seeds with ~~water and/or organic solvent used as an extractant~~ an aqueous extractant containing 15 to 80 % polar organic solvent,

wherein the extract contains a stilbenoid showing antimicrobial ~~and/or~~ and antioxidative action.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): Material containing Gnetum extract characterized in that the material is solid-liquid mixture of Gnetum gnemon seed material and aqueous extractant which is ~~a mixed solvent of water and polar organic solvent~~ an aqueous extractant containing 15 to 80 % polar organic solvent and in that it contains Gnetum seed extractable material,

wherein the extract contains a stilbenoid showing antimicrobial and antioxidative action.

Claim 3: Canceled.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Gnetum liquors characterized in that a solid content is removed from the material containing Gnetum extract according to claim [[3]] 2 wherein the polar organic solvent is ethanol.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The Gnetum extract according to claim 1, wherein aqueous 50% ethanol solution of the Gnetum extract has an absorption spectrum that indicates the absorption maximum in the neighborhood of 320 nm and also, has a thin-layer chromatogram that indicates the spot in the neighborhood of R_f value 0.5.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): A method of manufacturing material containing Gnetum extract according to claim 2, wherein the material containing Gnetum extract is heated from room temperature to 70°C and aged (enzyme reaction).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): Vegetable extract characterized in that Gnetum extract according to claim 5 is added and mixed to vegetable extract.

Claim 8 (Original): Seasoning products comprising the Gnetum extract according to claim 5 as an essential ingredient.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): Cosmetics characterized in that the cosmetics contain Gnetum extract according to claim 1 as medicinal properties.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): Gnetum extract concentrated from the extractable material liquid of material containing Gnetum extract according to claim 2, wherein aqueous 50% ethanol solution of the Gnetum extract has an absorption spectrum that indicates an absorption maximum in the neighborhood of 320 nm and also, has a thin-layer chromatogram that indicates a spot in a neighborhood of Rf value 0.5.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): Vegetable extract characterized in that Gnetum extract according to claim 10 is added and mixed to vegetable extract.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): Seasoning products comprising the Gnetum extract according to claim 10 as an essential ingredient.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): Gnetum extract made into preparation form from the extractable material liquid of material containing Gnetum extract according to claim 2, wherein aqueous 50% ethanol solution of the Gnetum extract has an absorption spectrum that indicates an absorption maximum in the neighborhood of 320 nm and also, has a thin-layer chromatogram that indicates a spot in a neighborhood of Rf value 0.5.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): Vegetable extract characterized in that Gnetum extract according to claim 13 is added and mixed to vegetable extract.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): Seasoning products comprising the Gnetum extract according to claim 13 as an essential ingredient.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The Gnetum extract according claim 1, wherein the stilbenoids comprise at least Gnetin C, Gnemonocide A and Gnemonocide D.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The cosmetics according claim 9, wherein the stilbenoids comprise at least Gnetin C, Gnemonocide A and Gnemonocide D.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The Gnetum extract according claim 1, wherein the extract is an aged Gnetum extract.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The Gnetum extract according claim 1, wherein the extract is an aged Gnetum extract aged for more than 12 hours.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The Gnetum extract according claim 2, wherein the extract is an aged Gnetum extract aged for more than 12 hours.